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1. On 22 September 1950 engineer equipment was unloaded in Rosslau-Weinsdorf (N 52/E 17) and shipped to the barracks on motor vehicles of the engineer units (1)

2. On 28 September 1950 much activity was observed in the section of the Weinsdorf barracks which was occupied by engineer troops. About 80 engineer soldiers and an 8-man band were observed at sports opposite the barracks installation. Truck [ ] and passenger car [ ] were identified there. About 30 soldiers constructed a bridge on the Elbe River using a truck with hoisting gear. Trucks [ ] and [ ] hauled troops from the barracks to the water training area on the Elbe River where passenger car [ ] was again observed. [ ]

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3. The tank unit from the barracks installation in Weinsdorf had not returned. Two T-34 tanks entered the installation. Soldiers in the barracks yard were seen filling strawbags. [ ]

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4. On 4 October 1950, 60 to 80 tanks were seen near the barracks installation of Weinsdorf heading north. (3)

5. On 4 October 1950 it was learned that about 800 engineer troops from the Semendria Kaserne had left for maneuvers. (1)

6. [ ] a train of 12 cars carrying engineer equipment and 39 cars carrying engineer troops left toward Leipzig on 4 October 1950. (1)

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7. A train of 46 boxcars with about 1,200 troops arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder on 5 October 1950 [ ] (4)(5)

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Comments.

- (1) The information indicates that most of the engineer units of the GCPG stationed in the Rossau Weinsdorf barracks were probably still at the post in late September 1950. The units left the post for field exercises on 4 October 1950. It is not known whether the train which left toward Leipzig on 4 October 1950 carried elements of these engineer units.
- (2) The information indicates that the component units of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Rossau were either still in the border maneuver area at the end of September 1950 or participated in the stream-crossing practice conducted by elements of the Third Gds Army in the area east of Wittenberg on and after 25 September 1950.
- (3) The movement of tank troops observed on 4 October 1950 was probably linked with the final maneuvers held in the Magdeburg area in early October 1950.
- (4) A trainload of recruits.
- (5) The barracks installation in Rossau which had been heavily occupied on 23 September 1950 according to another source, had presumably been used as transient quarters by units engaged in the fall maneuvers.

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